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1. LATEST DATA ON IRAQI GRAIN PRODUCTION AND IMPORT
ESTIMATES ARE:

A. WHEAT: USINT IS UNABLE TO ESTIMATE 1977 CROP WITH
COMPLETE ACCURACY BECAUSE IT IS STILL BEING HARVESTED.
HARVESTING IN SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL AREAS IS JUST FINISHING,
AND INITIAL INDICATIONS ARE THAT AREAS HARVESTED ARE
SLIGHTLY LESS THAN 1976. DROUGHT CONDITIONS WILL NOT,
HOWEVER, HAVE MAJOR IMPACT ON THESE AREAS AS THEY ARE
IRRIGATED BY THE TIGRIS AND EUPHRATES RIVERS. HARVESTING
IS NOW IN FULL SWING IN THE KIRKUK-MOSUL GRAINBELT, AND
IS EXPECTED TO START IN NORTHERN AREAS LATER THIS MONTH.
TOTAL ACREAGE IN WHEAT IN MOSUL AREA IS MUCH LESS THAN
LAST YEAR AS THIS AREA RELIES ON RAIN, AND SECURITY
PROBLEMS IN KURDISH AREAS MAY HAVE REDUCED PLANTINGS.
NO INDICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE OF YIELD, BUT LACK OF
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"SUCCESS STORIES" IN LOCAL PRESS SUGGESTS THAT NOTHING
SPECTACULAR CAN BE EXPECTED. THE 1976/77 CROP
(1.3 MILLION TONS) WAS CONSIDERED AVERAGE. INDICATIONS
ARE THAT THIS YEAR'S CROP WILL, AT BEST, EQUAL THIS
FIGURE, LEAVING A SHORTFALL OF ABOUT 500,000 TONS TO
MEET CONSUMPTION REQUIREMENTS. USINT ANALYSIS SUGGESTS
GOI IS CARRYING MINIMAL STOCKS, AND WILL BE IN INTERNATIONAL

MARKET FOR BETWEEN 400,000 AND 700,000 TONS OF WHEAT DURING 1977/78. ACTUAL QUANTITY WILL BE INFLUENCED BY PRICE LEVELS AND AVAILABILITY OF INCREASED STORAGE CAPACITY NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

B. BARLEY: THE ABOVE COMMENTS ON WHEAT OUTPUT ALSO APPLY. USINT SHOWS 1976/77 BARLEY CROP TO BE 580 THOUSAND TONS. GOI HAS RECENTLY COMMISSIONED THE COUNTRY'S FIRST MALTING UNIT, WHICH MAY REDUCE ITS IMPORTS OF MALTED BARLEY.

C. RICE CROP TO BE HARVESTED IN AUTUMN WILL DEPEND UPON LEVEL OF WATER SUPPLY IN EUPHRATES. NO DATA IS AVAILABLE ON RICE ACREAGE IN TIGRIS RIVER VALLEY. USINT BELIEVES GOI HAS VERY SMALL CARRY-OVER STOCKS.

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